

July 24, 2012

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to you to appeal the recent USAC decision to deny my appeal to revert the service start dates to the beginning of the funding year or July 1, 2011 in relation to 2011 Form 486 # 880814 for BEN 16056060 (Lincoln King Academy). My appeal to USAC was made on June 18, 2012 (Please see the attached letter for your reference). I do not believe USAC thoroughly reviewed my appeal based on the fact that their decisions as noted in their denial letter (see the attached letter) only responds to one point that I made, and they only included three of the five FRN's listed in the appeal in their response. No further communication has been received by USAC regarding the same appeal for FRN's 2178812, or 2178818.

Due to alleged non-certification of Form 486-880814, the service start dates for the following FRN's: 2165852, 2165856, 2165861, 2178812, and 2178818 was changed by USAC to December 25, 2011 due to the 120 day rule. Form 486-880814 was filed on December 17, 2011 which is well within filing window. Right after submitting the form 486, on December 17, 2011, I certified the form, however due to an error in the Erate/USAC online system, the form did not properly certify. It is important to note that no error message was received at this time. This error message was not shown on the screen at the time of submission, and the system acted as if the certification was valid. I thought that the form was properly certified. Clearly there was an issue with the online system that prevented Form 486 from being certified. Later, after USAC alerted me to the certification issue, I noticed an error message in block 7 of the certification page. Please see the attached signature form with the error message in block 7 for your reference.

A reminder letter was mailed to me by USAC alerting me to the 486 certification issue on March 27, 2012- Three months after it was believed that certification took place. That reminder letter should never have been mailed to me by USAC, because on the form 486, I clearly indicated that my preferred method of communication is **email**. Unfortunately, I left for a month long vacation on March 21, 2012. I read the reminder letter upon my return to the office on April 23, 2012. As soon as I read the letter, I certified the Form 486 (Please see that certification attached for your reference). If USAC had sent the reminder letter to my email as requested on the Form 486, then I could have responded to the letter prior to their 20 day deadline.

I am asking that you reverse USAC's denial and the 120 day 486 deadline ruling associated with Form 471 number 799706, and Form 486 number 880814, and change the service start date back to July 1, 2011 for all FRN's noted above. This action will allow for full reimbursement in the amounts awarded in the FCDL. The 486 was filed in compliance with Erate rules and regulations. The lack of certification was an error within USAC's computer system. The school should not be penalized for USAC's online system issues. As noted earlier, no error was shown on the screen and the USAC online system mimicked the same procedure as certification. In addition, certification was executed as soon as was possible after the reminder letter was sent in spite of the fact that USAC did not utilize my preferred method of communication.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, you can reach me by phone at 248-761-6256 or email at Valerie@grantconsultingservices.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie A. Nelson".

Valerie A. Nelson